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1. Szolnok airfield was occupied by Group D of the Kilian Gyorgy Officer Pilot School. [REDACTED] A fighter and a parachute unit were also stationed at the field. Nine flight instructors were attached to the officer pilot school. The training courses there were rather short and the training was superficial. Flight instructors were on duty for six hours daily.
2. In the summer of 1951 work on the construction of a 2,100-meter concrete runway was nearing completion. Thirty-seven Yak-9s and 21 MiG-15s armed with two machine guns and two cannons were stationed at the field.
3. About early October 1950, seven and nine pilots were detached to the U.S.S.R. for training with jet aircraft from Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95) and Szolnok airfield respectively. In February 1951, these officers were on leave in Hungary. The training is allegedly being conducted in Siberia, where field-grade officers also attend courses.*

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that a concrete runway more than 2,000 meters long is available at Szolnok airfield. [REDACTED] The occupation of the field by an officer pilot school, a fighter unit, and a parachute unit were previously known. However, the presence of MiG-15s is reported for the first time. Previous reports indicated that Hungarian pilots were being trained with jet aircraft. Since the MiG-15s observed in Szolnok appeared to be fully equipped with aircraft armament, they are believed to have been front-line equipment. The report does not make it clear whether a Hungarian or a Soviet fighter unit was stationed at the field.

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